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SUBJECT: TDY WEATHER ASSISTANCE

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SUBJ: TDY WEATHER ASSISTANCE (U) (NOTAL)

B. 1WWG 110130Z AUG 73 (S) 110130Z AUG 73 (S) TO

OUSAIRA LAOS, SUBJ: TDY WEATHER ASSISTANCE

(S)

1. CURRENTLY, WEATHER SERVICE IN LAOS IS BEING PROVIDED BY AIR AMERICA UNDER USG CONTRACT. THE RLG WEATHER SERVICE IS PROVIDED BY THE LAO NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE (NMS). HOWEVER, THIS SERVICE IS LIMITED DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING.

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2. (S) IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THE AIRA WEATHER OFFICER, USAID

TELECOM OFFICER, AND NMS REPRESENTATIVES SURVEYED THE REGIONAL WEATHER STATIONS TO IDENTIFY THE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THEIR CAPABILITY WHICH EVENTUALLY WOULD PERMIT THE CANCELLATION OF THE AIR AMERICA CONTRACT AND AT A SAVINGS OF \$200,000 PER YEAR.

3. (S) USAID HAS THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE IT TO NMS ON A LONG TERM LOAN BASIS; HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT HAVE THE METEOROLOGICAL EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING. THE STAFF WEATHER PERSONNEL (1 OFFICER AND 2 ENLISTED) PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TDY TO OUSAIRA FROM 10TH WSQ, UDORN, HAD BEEN ASSISTING USAID IN THE UP-GRADING OF THE NMS AND WAS PROGRAMMED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1 SEPT. ON 1 AUG 73, AIR WEATHER SERVICE TERMINATED THE TDY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED 10TH WSQ, UDORN AND AS A RESULT, THE PROGRAM IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE.

4. (S) MISSION REQUESTS THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO PERMIT THE USE OF WEATHER PERSONNEL FROM 10TH WSQ, UDORN, FOR A 30 TO 60 DAY PERIOD TO FINISH THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND EVALUATE THE LAO NMS PERFORMANCE. THIS EVALUATION WILL AID IN DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING THE AIR AMERICA WEATHER CONTRACT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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